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Rebecca Lambe has been crying a lot these past couple days — first from frustration, and now

On Monday, the owner of Mom's Country Market posted video of a man and a woman entering her store on Cole Harbour Road and allegedly stealing a donation jar with money raised for CIBC Run for the Cure.

Well-wishes and donations flooded in after the video went viral on Facebook — it had more than 150,000 views late Tuesday.

"Everybody's support has been absolutely phenomenal," Lambe said the day after the robbery.

She said between \$50 and \$100 was raised in the month she had her donation jar out, but people have been helping fill that loss since the video went viral.

"It's been an overwhelming positive experience," she said.

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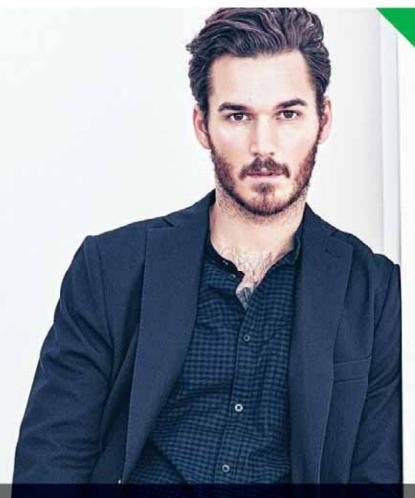
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QUICK HITS

New road proposed:

City staff have been ordered back to the drawing board to explore the possibility of acquiring two plots of land in order to build a connector road from Newbury to Lucasville Road.

No winter tires for **HRM** buses: City

They may not be winter tires, but the man at the helm of public transportation in Halifax reassured city councillors that the fleet's stock of all-season mud and snow tires will do the trick for buses in what could shape up to be another brutal winter.

More cash for Fringe:

Organizers of the Atlantic Fringe Festivals have been granted an extra \$11,250 by Halifax Regional Council, for a total grant of \$20,000. Coun. Steve Craig requested the increase after the festival's director penned a letter explaining the event's usual funding of \$14,500 was slashed by 40 per cent.

Weekly recycle pick-up

Rural residents in HRM may be pleased to know city staff will be examining the cost of bringing weekly recycling collection to their communities.

Coun. Stephen Adams brought forward the motion, which was approved unanimously on Tuesday that if later approved, could see rural and suburban neighbourhoods receive weekly recyclables collection. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



Mayor Mike Savage says there is a need "to accept more of these people who are really homeless." JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

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The Syrian Crisis Canadians Rally

Halifax calls for more refugees, opportunity for growth



Stephanie Taylor Metro | Halifax

Halifax's mayor is the latest politician in Nova Scotia and across the country to support the resettlement of Syrian refugees on Canadian soil in response to the current migrant crisis.

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ing will see Mayor Mike Savage pen a letter to Nova Scotia's minister of immigration supporting the call for more refugees in the province, as well as a letter to the federal minister of citizenship and immigration, outlining the need for more action and HRM's openness to welcome refugees.

"My own view is there is a need for the government of Canada to accept more of these people who are really homeless," Savage told council on Tuesday.

Many councillors espoused their support for relocating refugees into the municipality, with Coun. Gloria McCluskey calling it a moral obligation.

"It's pretty difficult at night to go to bed after you've watched the news ... you see these families people in this municipality, that we will have our arms stretched out to bring them in and I'm sure that along with the province we can make a difference.'

Along with Savage's two letters, Tuesday's council also approved a request for a staff report outlining what additional measures the municipality can take to support refugees in their resettlement process, which includes working with such community groups as the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia.

Although the issue extends beyond the city's typical jurisdictional boundaries, the city's chief administrative officer, Richard Butts, confirmed a report could be ready for the regional council meeting scheduled for Oct. 15.

Not only is taking more im-

migrants into the municipality a humanitarian prerogative, Coun. Barry Dalrymple argued, it is also an opportunity boost the population, particularly in rural areas.

"We need more citizens. We need more immigration. We need more people," he told Tuesday's council.



Coun. Jennifer Watts added that support for the Syrian refugee crisis can also come from individuals and highlighted a future information session on refugee sponsorship that will be held at the Halifax Central Library, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION

No new rules for campaign finance

It seems city council hopefuls will be exempt from any new campaign finance rules for Halifax's 2016 municipal election.

On Tuesday, Halifax Mayor Mike Savage explained requesting the province's permission to amend the municipal charter in order to enact a new bylaw to create a set of election finance rules is a tall order, despite council's unanimous approval.

Such reform would include establishing disclosure requirements in regards to election contributions and expenses, setting campaign spending limits and determining who is allowed to contribute.

"Optimistically I would say yes, but realistically I would say no," Savage said when asked whether new rules would be ready for next year's election.

Afterwards, he explained that although he doesn't believe any councillor should be looked down upon with a critical eye when it comes to campaign fundraising, he believes "it's just not good enough anymore to say what's the problem?'

'This is a big deal in a city of Halifax's size and I think we should just have more scrutiny.'

However, Coun. Stephen Adams questioned the need for such changes. "By calling out who pays how much to a campaign, you're almost suggesting that, 'well, there must be something (amiss)," he Tuesday's council.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

struggling with their little kids," she said. "I'm sure knowing the A unanimous vote during Tuesday's regional council meet-

"Now that I'm finished and I see what my future is, I wouldn't change anything... I think it was the best decision I ever made."

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Patient accused of paramedic assault

A 26-year-old female paramedic was sexually assaulted on the job in Nova Scotia last month.

The incident happened on Aug. 28 just before noon in the Halls Harbour area, Metro has learned.

The EHS paramedic was responding to a call at a 65-yearold male patient's home when police allege he sexually assaulted her.

Nova Scotia RCMP spokesman Const. Mark Skinner told Metro the assault happened both in the man's home, and in the back of the ambulance, though "the bulk of the assault occurred in the residence."

Skinner could provide no further details about the nature of the assault, the call or the suspect.

He said charges have not yet

been sworn against the man, but confirmed he was arrested and released on a promise to appear in Kentville provincial court on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Skinner said the paramedic was not working alone, but could not confirm any details about her partner.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



A spokeswoman from EHS told Metro she'd need to look into the incident and that she couldn't comment specifically on personnel matters, but did not return further calls for comment by late Tuesday.



Jimmy Melvin Jr. covers his face as he's escorted out of Halifax provincial court Tuesday morning. The accused was in town to set dates for preliminary inquiries for three matters, including the 2009 murder of Terry Marriott Jr. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Cut off from his client

Remembrance service set for Taylor Samson

A memorial will be held Wednesday for a young Halifax university student who police allege was murdered last

Friends and family of 22-year-old Taylor Samson will gather at a funeral home in Tantallon.

Samson, a former resident of Amherst, studied physics at Dalhousie University.

William Sandeson, a 22-year-old varsity track athlete who was about to start classes at Dalhousie's medical school, was charged with firstdegree murder on Aug. 20, four days after Samson was reported missing.



Taylor Samson FACEBOOK FILE

Samson's body has not been

Sandeson's case returns to court on Sept. 24. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Officer facing three charges after two women assaulted

A Cape Breton police officer has been charged with assault following an independent investigation into an incident last month.

The Serious Incident Response Team looked into allegations made against the male member of the Cape Breton Regional Police.

It says the officer was accused of assaulting two women at a fire hall and outside a pizza shop just after midnight in Dominion on Aug. 1. Const. Jefferey Hennessey is facing a charge of assault against one woman and two charges of assault against another. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cyclist pronounced dead at scene following collision

Police in Cape Breton are investigating a fatal collision that left a cyclist dead after he became trapped under

Officers say the accident happened at the intersection of Cabot and Terrace streets in Sydney at about 8 p.m. Monday.

They say the car and cyclist collided, causing the man on the bike to become pinned under the car.

Emergency paramedics pronounced him dead at the

Police have not released the man's age or name pending notification of next of kin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BURNSIDE JAIL

Lawyer vents about Melvin's 'two months in solitary'



Zane Woodford Metro | Halifax

Jimmy Melvin Jr. and his lawyer told a Halifax courtroom Tuesday morning he's been in segregation in a Burnside jail since his arrest.

"It's crazy," Melvin said in court. "Two months in solitary."

His lawyer, Patrick MacEwen asked Justice Anne Derrick to put a note on Melvin's remand, asking that he at least be given better access to a phone to call him from jail.

Derrick agreed it would be difficult for MacEwen and Melvin to build a defence if they can't communicate, and added a note to Melvin's file.

Melvin was in court Tuesday to set dates for preliminary inquiries for three matters: the 2009 murder of Terry Marriott Jr., an earlier attempted murder of the same man, and drug charges stemming from Melvin's arrest in July.

MacEwen said he and his client have yet to receive disclosure of the evidence against Melvin because the Crown wants him to sign an undertaking that says Melvin can't review the disclosure without MacEwen present, and can't have a copy of the documents.

MacEwen said it's his position that his client is entitled

to those documents, and, considering there will be thousands of pages of them, he can't watch him read through them.

"At the end of the day, he's the one charged with the offence, and I'm just his lawyer," said MacEwen.

Crown attorney Christine Driscoll told the court that because of phone records and "immunity material" included in the disclosure, her colleagues "don't want the documents physically in the hands of Mr. Melvin."

'Mr. Melvin certainly is not subject to the same professional obligations that Mr. MacEwen is, and it is a public interest matter, a safety concern," she said.

MacEwen said he would take that matter and his client's segregation in jail to Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Though he couldn't say how much time would be needed for preliminary inquiries or trials in either case, MacEwen agreed to reserve court dates anyway.

For the murder charge, those dates are Feb. 29 to March 4, and for the attempted murder charge, dates of March 21 to 24 and March 29 to April 1 have been set.

As for the drug charges against Melvin — two counts each of possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession – the federal Crown told the court it needed to review the evidence more before going forward, and asked for an adjournment, pushing the case to Sept. 29.

If the defence has received more disclosure by that time, the court will review the dates set aside for the other two charges.



As I understand it. there's been no issues with respect to behaviour, or anything along those lines. Mr. Melvin's simply being held in segregation.

Jimmy Melvin Jr.'s defence lawyer, Patrick MacEwen

CAPE BRETON

Police charge 27 men in prostitution case

Twenty-seven men are facing criminal charges following a police investigation into prostitution in the core of downtown Sydney.

Cape Breton Regional Police Chief Peter McIsaac announced the charges at a press conference at CBRM council chambers Tuesday morning. The move followed an exclusive Cape Breton Post story published Saturday reporting that sources confirmed the charges

were pending.

Police made the arrests over several weeks following a seven-day-long investigation involving undercover female police officers. Police said other specialized investigative tools and techniques were also used.

The accused range in age from 26 to 81, and are from

people over the age of 60 that were charged in the sting. communities including Sydney, Bay St. Lawrence, Big Pond, Cheticamp and Main-a-Dieu.

The police service also worked with community partners including Mental Health and Addiction Ser-

vices since beginning its investigation, and a number of the women who were involved in

prostitution have since gone into treatment for opioid addiction, which McIsaac said is a major contributing factor to the increased prostitution activity.

The charges were laid in accordance with new laws under Bill C-36, the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, which focused on the activities of the buyers of sex rather than the sellers.

Tattoo fundraiser honours Rehtaeh

CYBER BULLYING

Semicolon ink to spread word about suicide prevention

Ben **Cousins** For Metro | Halifax

For those thinking about getting inked, an upcoming event may be the perfect opportunity to do so.

The two-day "Rae's Awareness Semicolon Tattoo Fundraiser" coincides with Suicide Prevention Week and World Suicide Prevention Day.

"This is the week to talk about (suicide), and there doesn't seem to be many events around," said Leah Parsons, the organizer of the event and mother of Rehtaeh Parsons.

Rehtaeh took her own life in April 2013, two years after she said she was sexually assaulted and a photo of the alleged incident spread around her high school.

Parsons said the event is a way of reminding people to "reach out to others if they're struggling."

Attendees will be able to get a semicolon tattoo, permanent or not, as a way of sending a message about suicide prevention.

"When the writer uses the semicolon, it's a point where the writer could have ended the sentence but chose to keep writing," said Parsons.



Leah Parsons JEFF HARPER/METRO

"The tattoo represents when you're having struggles in life, it doesn't have to be the end of your story.

Parsons said the semicolon is a "fairly new" symbol for suicide prevention but is now well recognized.

"It's now a reminder if you're struggling to keep on going or to honour someone else who was struggling," she

The event takes place at Six Points Tattoo Parlour on the Bedford Highway from noon until 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

The basic semicolon tattoo costs \$30, and a customized version costs \$60.

Halifax Henna will be on hand Thursday afternoon for those who don't want a permanent tattoo.

Parsons said she expects around 200 people to come out.

All proceeds go to the Rehtaeh Parsons Society, which brings awareness to mental health, cyber harassment and sexualized violence.



URBAN ART FREAK LUNCHBOX UPDATES MURAL A man snaps a photo of the new mural on the side of the Freak Lunchbox along Barrington Street on Tuesday. The company updated the old tall ships mural to this new piece by Jason Botkin over the last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Top comedian Kevin Hart is Halifax-bound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What Now? Kevin Hart ... that's what



Zane Woodford Metro | Halifax

Get ready to laugh, Haligonians. American comedian and actor Kevin Hart is bringing his What Now? tour to Halifax on October 15.

Hart won the award for comedy person of the year at the 33rd Just For Laughs Festival this past summer, after starring in a TV show and five movies in the past year, as well as hosting Saturday Night Live.

The What Now? tour sold out shows in Toronto and Montreal. Tickets for the Halifax show at the Scotiabank Centre go on sale this Friday at 10 a.m., and prices range from \$59 to \$134.50.

IN BRIEF

Atlantic Fringe Festival draws big numbers

The opening weekend of the Atlantic Fringe Festival has broken attendance and box office records.

It's the 25th year for the experimental theatre festival, and despite having its city funding cut by 40 per cent, ticket sales are up 16 per cent and the box office is up 64 per cent.

The festival features 50 shows on stages across the city, and tickets are priced between \$2 and \$10, at an average of just over \$8. METRO

Man injured after being hit in marked crosswalk

Halifax police say a 19-year-old man was hit by a car while crossing the street Tuesday.

At about 2:45 p.m., the man was crossing Dutch Village Road in a marked crosswalk when he was hit by a car travelling east-

He was taken to hospital by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries. Police say the incident is under investigation.

Store owner finds theft's silver lining

Rebecca Lambe made stronger by reaction to stolen cash iar

Ben Cousins For Metro | Halifax

The executive director of the Atlantic branch of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation said she feels bad for those who donated to Rebecca Lambe's stolen donation jar, but sees the silver lining behind the theft.

"We feel badly for Rebecca Lambe and her team, 'Cole Harbour Cares," said Jane Parsons on Tuesday. "We know how hard they are working for breast cancer (research).

Lambe's donation jar for the CIBC Run for the Cure, an event that raises money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, was allegedly stolen off the counter of her store, Mom's Country Market, on Cole Harbour Road Monday.

Parsons said she's been amazed at the response from the community, which included the creation of a crowdfunding campaign.

"It's absolutely heart-warming and inspiring to see ... the community stand behind somebody who's trying to make a difference," Parsons said. "It's also very inspiring for us and



A video still of the alleged robbery suspects. CONTRIBUTED



My friends, my family members have all been affected in one way or the other not just by breast cancer, but by all cancers.

Rebecca Lambe

our charity to see that we have so many people who believe in the work that we do."

The video shows a man and a woman at the counter of her store. The man allegedly takes the jar and puts it behind his back where the woman puts it into her purse. They both leave shortly afterward.

Halifax District RCMP said they are "actively investigating this theft" and have identified the suspects, according to a news release.

Lambe said Tuesday she draws inspiration from the incident. "These people will not hold me back, it's just going to make me work that much harder," she said at her store.

Lambe hopes the two who took the jar participate in this year's Run for the Cure.

"I would like them to come and walk with us and see how many people that (breast cancer) has affected and why they did what they did was wrong, she said.

Lambe has family ties to breast cancer; her grandmother had to have both her breasts removed after she was tested positive for a gene common in breast cancer patients.

Lambe's team, "Cole Harbour Cares," will be participating in the CIBC Run for the Cure Oct. 4 at the Garrison Grounds.

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Convenience store owner Rebecca Lambe took to social media to find a pair of alleged thieves who lifted her CIBC Run for the Cure donation iar. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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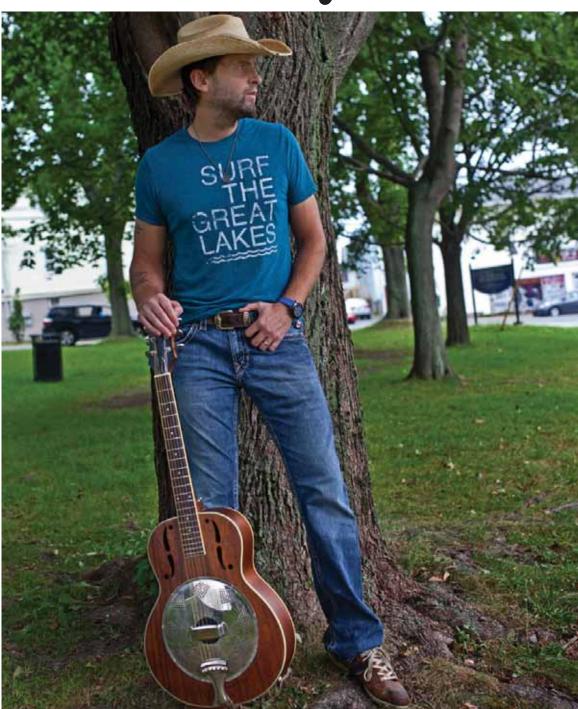
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Dean Brody's fork in the road



Dean Brody has six nominations for his latest album, and he says he's reached a point in his career where he looks forward to spending more time with his wife and two children at home. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Yellow ukes and grooving hillbillies part of fun on newest CD

Dean Brody may have a little yellow ukelele to thank on Sunday night at Scotiabank

Brody's catchy single about hippies driving in a purple bus, Upside Down, has been nominated for single and video of the year at the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Awards, while

the country singer was also nominated for songwriter of the year, thanks to the track.

"My daughter plays ukelele and she taught me ... three chords," Brody said with a smile Tuesday afternoon in Halifax, days away from the CCMA Awards gala.

"It's like a yellow ukelele with a dolphin on it. You can't help but write upbeat, lot of fun." happy songs.'

Brody's latest album, Gypsy Road, has been receiving high praise, particularly with songs like Upside Down and Bring Down the House already charting well.

Brody agreed he feels like the album has helped him hit a high point while being "a

The album had to come together over three months, Brody said.

Picking up different instruments like the ukelele and banjo helped with the creative process.

Modern musical chances were taken too, Brody said - Bring Down the House was originally meant as a bonus song, because he wasn't sure how people would react to its dance-music elements.

The story about a country boy being born in a barn but being able to "bring down the house" in the city was inspired by a night at the legendary Cowboys Dance Hall in Calgary, Brody said,

where everyone was loving the electronic music.

'Some of them are real hillbillies but they're in there in this club with this dance music going on and they're grooving really well," Brody

"I thought that was an interesting contrast.' HALEY RYAN/METRO

ENTERTAINMENT

Country star balances music, family, and headlining the CCMAs



Haley Ryan Metro | Halifax

Things are going to feel a little upside down for Dean Brody this weekend.

Brody, who's been living in Windsor for the past few years and now building a family home near Chester,

said Ťuesday it feels unusual to be able to drive to work.

Country playing at home Music Week kicks off in Haliyou feel at home, fax Thursday, and maybe that's and Brody is one of the main energy that you headliners for the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Awards

on Sunday night, where he's picked up six nominations for his fifth album, Gypsy Road.

"I'm used to going out west, and kind of a little bit of disconnect between my home life and the road," the Canadian country artist said Tuesday afternoon on a bench in Halifax's Hydrostone Park, his guitar and a hard case protecting his cowboy hat by his side.

With multiple CCMA Awards and Junos under his belt, the British Columbia native said it's nice to have reached a point in his career where he can finally spend more time with his wife and two children at home.

It was a different scene when he first started out in 2009 and had to do "all these crazy things," Brody said, like a radio tour of the southern United States where he played outside a Taylor Swift and Rascall Flatts stadium show, only to be drowned out by a competing radio station.

A music career means many years of second-guessing yourself and working really hard, Brody said, so it's "really cool" to get that many nods from people in the industry.

"I'm not really aiming to please a label. I mostly just think about my fans and what would we have fun experiencing together and just write that," Brody said in his calm, low voice. "If I keep that in mind, I feel we'll be OK."

Brody said while there's "a lot of me" in his songs, as an avid film fan and observer he's interested in developing characters.

"I love watching how other people live their lives," Brody said.

The South Shore especially has welcomed his family, Brody said, and he hopes to spend the rest of his years along the ocean.

"It's just a great place to come off the road and to decompress ... it's a great place to write too," Brody said.

"Out here I feel I got room



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Dean Brody

Halifax goes country

The Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Country Music Week hits Halifax Thursday to Sunday with songwriter circles, multiple performances, showcase of new talent, a free fan event at the Cunard Centre Sunday afternoon, and CCMA Awards gala Sunday night.

You can also check out the cowboy hats on statues around town and go to ccma.org for more

Eyewitness says teenager died after being pushed into bus

Boy, 15, accused of criminal negligence causing death

An 18-year-old who died after he was hit by a school bus outside a high school last winter in Sydney, was pushed and fell over a snowbank into the path of the vehicle, a teenager testified Tuesday at another boy's trial for criminal negligence causing death.

The boy was the first wit-

ness to testify at the trial of the 15-year-old on what happened before the incident on Feb. 11 outside Sydney Acad-

Asked by Crown attorney Mark Gouthro to explain what happened to Christopher Chafe, the boy replied: 'He got pushed into a bus.'

The boy, who cannot be named, said he was standing with a group of five others including Chafe and the defendant when the incident occurred on the sidewalk in front of the school around 2 p.m. that day.

He said he saw the defend-



I couldn't believe it ... There was nothing there and I couldn't understand how something like that could happen.

Donald MacLean

ant use both hands to push Chafe in the upper chest before he fell over a small snowbank and into the street.

He noticed a school bus at a four-way stop sign just up the street from where they were standing before seeing it again just as Chafe was pushed, he

When asked to describe the

force of the push, he called it 'a good push, a decent push.'

Under cross-examination by defence lawyer James Snow, the witness was asked if he remembered telling police after the incident that Chafe had said: "What happens if you guys push me in front of

The youth said he couldn't

recall what Chafe said and doesn't remember being interviewed by police.

He agreed the incident happened "very fast."

Earlier Tuesday on the first day of the trial, court heard emotional testimony from the driver of the bus who said he didn't know anything was wrong until someone banged on the door of his bus.

Donald MacLean, who broke down when asked the number of his school bus, said he had gone to Sydney Academy to pick up a handicapped student when he noticed a group of about six students standing on the sidewalk near the school.

MacLean said he passed them and then pulled over to the side of the road. That's when he was alerted that something had gone horribly

"Next thing I heard was a person knocking at the door, so I opened the door and he said to me you have just run over a kid," MacLean said.

MacLean said he got out of the bus and went to the back of the vehicle where he saw a person lying on the road.

"At that point I knew that he was deceased," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



IN BRIEF

Banks underwrite \$1.9B of Emera's purchase

Emera Inc. has arranged to get at least \$1.9 billion from a group of banks to help pay for the Nova Scotia company's purchase of Teco Energy Inc., a U.S. company with electric and gas utilities in Florida and New Mex-

The Halifax-based company announced Friday that it has a deal to buy Teco for \$27.55 US per share in cash, or about \$6.5 billion US. It will also assume billions in debt.

Police after man who hit elderly woman

A 77-year-old woman who was assaulted Monday morning outside Mac-Quarrie's Pharmasave on the Esplanade suffered "serious" injuries that resulted in her being transferred to the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Halifax.

The woman was knocked to the ground by a man described as white, approximately six feet tall, with a stocky build and was wearing a dark long sleeve shirt, with blue jeans, a baseball cap on backward and dark sun-

He left in a vehicle described as a light, white or silver, four-door with dark tinted windows.

Hearn said police want to speak with anyone who may have knowledge of the matter or who may have witnessed the as-

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Trudeau promises to partner with the premiers

The man who hopes to lead the nation as the next Prime Minister of Canada served up his vision for rural Canadians for breakfast in Amherst on Tuesday.

Federal Liberal leader Justin Trudeau made the first of a four-stop tour of the region at the legion in Amherst, promising his government will listen to its provincial partners more than the previous governments, which will open the doors for rural

"From the very beginning of my leadership I've talked about the need to have a respectful collaborative partnership approach with our provincial premiers and provincial governments," Trudeau

"Mr. Harper hasn't bothered to sit down and meet with the premiers as a group in the years he's been elected and, the fact of the matter is, we need a government that sits down and talks with the premiers about health care, about environmental issues, and mostly about how to create more jobs across the country."

Engaging provincial governments, Trudeau said, opens dialogue for the federal government to understand where best to invest federal funding for infrastructure and roads, as well as green industries — something Cumberland-Colchester Liberal candidate Bill Casey says Northern Nova Scotia could reap great rewards under a Liberal government.

Trudeau's morning stop in Amherst was a stark contrast



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau jokes around with the lady whose picture is on the side of his campaign bus, during an event in Amherst on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's rally held nearby just weeks ago to support incumbent Scott Armstrong. At that event members of the public needed to register in advance and were later told if they were approved to attend. Local media was held in lockup until the prime minister was ready to address the audience and no questions were taken from the media.

Trudeau, by comparison, welcomed media questions and worked the crowd in advance of his address, mugging for photos and serving coffee.

At the time of the prime minister's visit in August, Casey held a rally on his property just a few addresses away from Cumberland North Academy where Harper spoke.

The Conservatives did not appear to hold a similar rally Monday during Trudeau's

CUMBERLAND NEWS



With Justin Trudeau's visit to Nova Scotia on Tuesday, all four party leaders have now made stops in the province during the election campaign.

SPCA seeks ban on all-day tethering

The Montreal SPCA is asking the Quebec government to ban keeping dogs chained around the clock as part of an upcoming overhaul of the province's animal-rights legislation.

The animal welfare organization is launching a campaign Tuesday to raise awareness about tethered dogs, which they say are more likely to be injured or neglected, are exposed to the elements, and suffer psychological damage as a result of being constantly tied.

"Dogs are social animals. They need to be in contact with other dogs, with other animals, with people," said Sophie Gaillard, the SPCA's lawyer and animal advocacy campaigns manager.

'When they're kept isolated and deprived of the ability to play or exercise they develop very severe behavioural frustration, boredom and psychological distress," she continued.

Quebec introduced a bill earlier this year that, if passed, would see the status of animals upgraded from "movable property" to "sentient beings.

The SPCA is hoping to get a ban on round-the-clock dog tethering included in the bill or accompanying regulations, which will be debated this fall.

Gaillard said the bill would not focus on people who walk their dogs on leashes or tie them up for a short time, but rather on dogs who spend every day on a chain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paleontologist paints a portrait of the 'unknown'

Brings snakes with legs, bus-sized sharks back to life

His portraits are so compelling you can almost hear his subjects tramp through the forest and smell their heaving breath.

Yet Julius Csotonyi has never seen any of the animals he depicts. Dinosaurs, after all, have been gone a long time.



The more of a story the image tells, the better it is.

Julius Csotonyi

"It's really fun," said Csotonyi, whose dramatic illustrations of extinct beasts enliven the densest of paleontological papers. "It's the unknown and trying to figure out new things. That's always interested me.

Csotonyi's work appears regularly in top scientific journals. The Vancouver-based illustrator has brought life to everything from a bus-sized shark to a primitive snake with legs.

He's worked with Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Geographic Society.

He has won paleontology's top illustration award three

Like a lot of kids, Csotonyi grew up drawing dinos.

But he never stopped. Even when he was working on his doctorate in microbiology, he drew dinosaurs on the side for publications such as Prehistoric

Then, in 2005, an English publisher preparing a dinosaur encyclopedia called him up. That's when Csotonyi realized he could make a living at it.

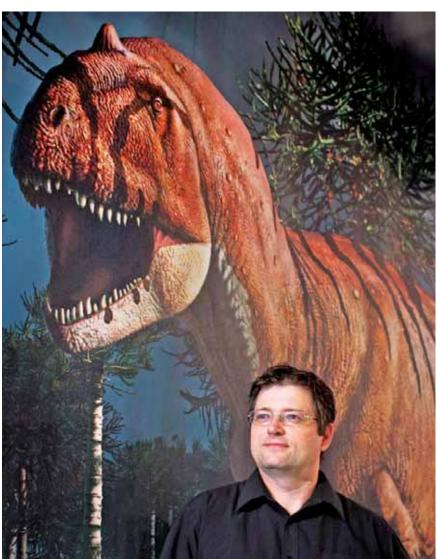
Picturing an animal known only by a few bones, Csotonyi said, is a delicate dance between art and science.

'You come up with an image that's plausible, but interesting

A commissioning scientist will send him photos of fossils and share whatever data might help. Csotonyi comes up with a sketch and a careful back-andforth ensues to get the dino right and have it doing something believable in the correct context.

Hints come from all sorts of sources. Environment might suggest colour; scraps of fossilized skin or feathers point to texture; a related species even one still living - might offer clues.

"Sometimes ... animals that are closely related to it have certain features that are conserved in a group. We use those to insert what missing parts of the animal may have been like.' THE CANADIAN PRESS



Natural history illustrator Julius Csotonyi shows off one of his dinosaur illustrations on display as part of the Ultimate Dinosaurs exhibit at Science World in Vancouver, B.C.

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Ontario able to 'take more refugees,' says Wynne

Ontario is pledging more support for refugees and pressing for federal help in opening the doors wider with the Syrian exodus growing more dramatic by the day.

"We have more capacity in Ontario to take more refugees, to welcome more refugees," Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday.

The comments came four days after her health minister, Dr. Eric Hoskins, pledged an additional \$300,000 in provincial funding to help settle people fleeing Syria.

"We can put more supports in place for private organizations and individuals who are working, like Lifeline Syria ... to bring refugees into Ontario," added Wynne, who is working with her church to raise money to help refugees.

"We are going to put some of those supports in place, we are going to set up a fund that would help support those organizations do everything we can to make sure that when refugees arrive here, that they can access programs that will help them to settle."

The premier said she's concerned with the length of time it is taking for refugees to get documentation.

"My hope would be that we will see the federal government work with the provinces to speed up the process whereby refugees can come into the country and into our province," she added.

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B.C. allocates \$1M in funding for refugees

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The Syrian Crisis Canadians Rally

Premier says supports must be in place



Emily Jackson Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia will set aside \$1 million to help support Syrian refugees who manage to make their way to the province, Premier Christy Clark announced at a news conference Tuesday.

While the province doesn't have any say over how many refugees it can accept, Clark said it will be ready to help with services such as trauma counselling, language skills and job placements should the federal government accept more people.

"It's just not good enough to only open our doors, we have to make sure that when refugees get there we're doing everything we can to help them achieve the Canadian dream and find their home as seamlessly as possible into British Columbia society," Clark said.

The fund, which will be distributed through community groups and churches, was created after the outpouring of support for Syrian refugees in response to the photograph of three-year-old Alan Kurdi's body washed ashore on a Turkish



British Columbia Premier Christy Clark became emotional while announcing a plan to help Syrians settle in the province and 'achieve the Canadian dream.' DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



We have an opportunity, and I would argue a uniquely Canadian duty, to share the luck.

Premier Christy Clark

His death brought the ongoing crisis home for British Columbians, as the little boy's family was trying to find a way to B.C., Clark said, tearing up as she spoke of his tiny figure on the sand. Thousands have since expressed the desire to

help sponsor refugees.

Clark didn't wade into the political debate over how many refugees the federal government should accept, but argued all provinces should have the same power as Quebec to determine how many refugees they can

Last year B.C. welcomed about 36,000 immigrants, including 1,528 refugees. Clark said it would be great to see both numbers go up.

"(The Kurdis) didn't die be-

cause they were anything but unlucky enough to live in a country wracked by war," Clark said. "As Canadians we are incredibly lucky, and as Canadians we have an opportunity, and I would argue a uniquely Canadian duty, to share the luck."

The British government award-

ed explorer John Rae 10,000

pounds in 1854 for information

he had relayed about the Frank-

lin expedition, the curator said,

while Sir Francis Leopold McClin-

tock and his crew also received

5,000 pounds reward by a vote

of Britain's parliament after their

1859 expedition.

Leaders answer coalition question

Polls suggesting a tight, threeway race among the main federal parties forced their leaders Tuesday to confront scenarios around a possible minority government.

That raised the possibility of cross-party alliances, including the contentious coalition question, which also reared its head in the last federal campaign.

But the Conservative, NDP and Liberal leaders were determined to carve some daylight between their parties.

Stephen Harper, Tom Mulcair and Justin Trudeau added economic planks to their platforms, throttling up their campaigns to full speed after more than a month of summer campaigning.

But with no breakaway front runner emerging for the Oct. 19 election, all three faced questions about whether they might try to join forces with another party if the country awakens to a minority government the next day.

Harper held firm to his anticoalition stance, saying it was the right of the party winning the most seats to form the gov-

"That's always been my view. I've lived by that and I hope that party is us," Harper said in Mississauga, Ont.

Campaigning in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Trudeau said Canadians don't want a coalition if a party wins a minority government, but reiterated his party's willingness to co-operate with other parties to pass legislation.

'We will always be open to working with others, but the fact is, Canadians aren't interested in formal coalitions," Trudeau said.

Mulcair sidestepped questions about his position on the coalition question at an event in Montreal, where he pledged new funding for the aerospace industry.

"We, of course, have raised that issue any number of times. In 2008, we went so far as to write a formal coalition agreement with the Liberals," Mul-

"But as you know, they turned up their nose on their own signature and seven years later Stephen Harper is still there."

The bureaucrat's colleague in Ottawa acknowledged Canada probably wasn't going to collect any reward money from the United Kingdom. A poster advertising a reward It's not clear how seriously the Privy Council Office - which is the bureaucratic arm of the

for anyone who can find Sir John Franklin's lost ships. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

The bureaucrat consulted the curator at Royal Museums Greenwich, who told her that some of the reward money had already been collected in the 1850s.

Prime Minister's Office - was

documents are censored. No one from Foreign Affairs or the Privy Council Office was available for comment.

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Canadians aren't interested in formal coalitions.

Justin Trudeau

Feds looked to cash in on Franklin find, emails show



Federal bureaucrats looked into whether Canada could collect a 164-year-old reward offered by the British government to anyone who found the lost ships of Sir John Franklin's doomed Arctic expedition, newly released documents show.

The HMS Erebus, HMS Terror and their crews vanished during an 1845 quest for the Northwest Passage. Their mysterious disappearance captured the Victorian imagination and gave rise to many searches throughout the 19th century for Franklin and

In 1850, the British government offered 20,000 pounds to anyone who "shall discover and effectually relieve the crews of Her Majestys' ships 'Erebus' and "Terror." 10,000 pound rewards were offered for information that led to the ships' discovery, or to anyone who could ascertain the fate of the expedition.

Fast-forward 164 years: In September 2014, a Canadian search team found the wreck of HMS Erebus off the coast of Nunavut's King William Island. The search continues for HMS Terror.

Stephen Harper could barely contain his delight last year as he delivered news of the "great, historic" breakthrough.

Even the Queen weighed in, saying, "Prince Philip joins me in sending congratulations and good wishes to all those who played a part in this historic achievement," in a statement.

But documents obtained by Metro under the Access to Information Act suggest federal bureaucrats may have hoped for more than just congratulations from across the pond. On Sept. 11, 2014, a bureaucrat posted to the Canadian High Commission in London emailed a colleague in Ottawa about the discovery of one of the Franklin ships.

"Seems that there are several parts of the system working on this, but I need your advice," she wrote. "PCO (Privy Council Office) contacted us yesterday to ask whether we are entitled to the reward, given the poster which I attach for your information."

Her colleague replied that the poster — dated March 7, 1850 was somewhat difficult to read but instructed her to "go ahead and collect the information requested by PCO and maybe obtain a more easily readable copy of the poster."

More refugees landing with plans to reach EU

SYRIA CRISIS

Hungary speeds up work on fence to block them

Hungarian authorities on Tuesday began busing weary migrants and refugees to a nearby registration centre, defusing some tensions at Hungary's southern border with Serbia. But the human tide hardly ebbed, with a steady stream of people seen trying to approach Hungary, their gateway into the European Union.

Hungary has made frantic and confused efforts to control the huge number of migrants transiting the country as they try to reach Germany, leaving many trapped for days outside the border village of Roszke and furious at their treatment by Hungarian authorities. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced fresh efforts to complete a fence to keep the refugees out.

The UN refugee agency, mean-



We're asking to go to Budapest and they are not giving us this right. Why?

Ali, a Syrian



A woman arrives on a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to Lesbos island, Greece, Tuesday. The island of 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden infux of some 20,000 refugees, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

while, said it is concerned about the lack of proper reception facilities in the border area and that humanitarian aid needs to be stepped up there.

Babar Baloch said Tuesday that "the border police are not trained to deal with the refugees."

"When people come in you need to receive them properly. There are women and children and they are just kept in the open. Temperatures are going down as well so we need to have a system where these people receive proper care," he said.

Earlier in the day, refugees anxious to pass through Hungary who were frustrated at being trapped behind a police line began pushing and police shoved back. One man was hurt in a stampede.

"We've been here for two days and the Hungarian government only brings one bus?" said a Syrian man, who gave only his first name, Ali. "We're asking to go back to Serbia and they are not giving us this right. We're asking SCAN THIS PHOTO WITH YOUR **METRO NEWS** APP TO SEE MORE IMAGES FROM THE CRISIS

to go to Budapest and they are not giving us this right. Why?

Despite the efforts of volunteers offering water and some clothes, there were few amenities at the border. The area was strewn with garbage and more people could be seen walking along railroad tracks in Serbia on their way to Hungary. Many slept outdoors in a field during a cold night.

At Budapest's Keleti train station, refugees were being allowed to board trains bound for Austria and Germany. In many cases, they were segregated from other passengers and told they could only enter certain carriages.

The queue of people waiting to board a train to the West was backing up, with about 300 people waiting for the next train Tuesday afternoon.

Almost all of those passing through Hungary are hoping to reach Germany or other Western European countries with generous welfare benefits and open asylum regulations. Almost none wish to remain in Hungary, which is seen as unwelcoming and does not have the same opportunities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia reacts to Bulgaria flight ban

Russia on Tuesday lashed out at Bulgaria over its refusal to allow Russian cargo planes bound for Syria to fly over its territory, saying the move has cast doubts on the nation's independence.

The angry statement comes amid signs of a Russian military build-up in Syria that has raised U.S. concerns. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov alleged that Bulgaria and Greece are facing pressure from Washington.

Bulgaria's Foreign Ministry earlier said the country is refusing to allow Russian military transport aircraft to fly through its airspace en route to Syria from Sept. 1-24. It said without elaboration that the reason for the refusal was "incorrect information" about the purpose of the flights and the cargo.

On Monday, Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman Constantinos Koutras said the U.S. has asked Greece to cancel overflight permission for flights headed to Syria. He said Athens is examining the request.

"If they make some restrictive or banning measures at American request, that raises a question about their sovereign right to make decisions about foreign planes crossing its airspace," Bogdanov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "If our Greek and Bulgarian partners have any doubts, they must explain what's the problem." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Astronauts hoping to watch The Martian while in orbit

The book The Martian is earning high praise from space, and the astronaut-reviewer can't wait to see the soon-to-be-released movie.

NASA astronaut Kjell Lindgren said Tuesday from the International Space Station that both he and crewmate Scott Kelly have read the novel by Andy Weir. Lindgren told reporters he really enjoyed the book and hopes to get a copy of the film beamed up to orbit on Oct. 2, the day of release, or shortly thereafter.

The astronauts chatted with

the star of the film, Matt Damon, last month by phone. They called the actor - who portrays fictional astronaut Mark Watney, who's mistakenly left for dead on Mars - while he was touring Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"That was a neat conversation," Lindgren recalled during a space-to-ground news conference. "It was certainly fun for us."

Kelly — who's almost halfway through a yearlong space station stay — said it's difficult to compare his experience in orbit with a Mars trip. "For the folks who go to Mars,

especially the first time, it's going to be such an incredible destination and event that they're going to be really psyched up for get-ting there," Kelly said. "I'm not saying I'm not psyched up for the rest of this. But in some ways, almost being halfway through, a lot of what we're going to be doing is very similar to what we've already done." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Famed former NYPD officer running for office

The former New York City policeman immortalized for blowing the whistle on police corruption in the 1973 film Serpico is running for office in a small upstate New York town.

The 79-year-old Frank Serpico said he's eyeing a seat on the town board of Stuyvesant in Columbia County. Serpico is critical of the town's Republicans and calls it a place where if the ticks don't get you, the politics will."

Dentist who killed Cecil back at work

A Minnesota dentist who killed Cecil the lion returned to work Tuesday after weeks away, walking silently into his small dental practice, past swarming media and a handful of protesters calling for him to be sent to Zimbabwe to face trial.

Walter Palmer had largely retreated out of the public eye since he was identified as Čecil's Killer in July, offering little insight into the hunt that catapulted his name onto the world stage until a Sunday, when he defended the kill and announced his plan to return

Some of the uproar bubbled up shortly after sunrise Tuesday as a security guard whisked Palmer into the clinic, past reporters shouting questions and a protester repeatedly yelling "Extradite Palmer!"

Palmer walked from a nearby street where police had blocked off traffic, meeting the guard in the parking lot of his Bloomington practice and rushing through a door covered in messages reading: "Justice for Cecil" and "May you never hunt again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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GENDER INEQUALITY

UN agency fights for global wage parity

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service for their data

A UN agency is mounting a worldwide campaign for equal pay for women, who get 24 per cent less than men on global average and around 30 per cent less for those in Asia.

Recent estimates by the International Labor Organization indicates gender inequality in employment across Asia alone is costing \$45 billion a year, with 45 per cent of working-age women outside the labour force compared to 19 per cent for men, the leader of the UN Women agency, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, told a forum at the Asian Development Bank headquarters.

She said if female employment were to match male employment, per capita GDP would rise 19 per cent in Southeast Asia and 27 per cent in the Middle East and North Africa.

"We are definitely going to go on a major campaign on equal — this is one of the issues we

A survey of 20,000 people in 11

countries done by Aimia Inc. suggests a minority of them

were satisfied with the rewards

they get in exchange for shar-

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Aimia executive David John-

The Montreal-based com-

businesses.

are putting to heads of state, we are also putting that to private sector," she said. "The issue of equal pay is paramount because we have to win some battles in order for women to be in a position to believe that we're making progress."

UN Women is pushing for the implementation of a standalone goal on gender equality and empowerment for women and girls known as Goal 5 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be launched at the United Nations at the end of the month.



This is one of the issues we are putting to the heads of state.

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

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Despite the announcement, Canada's major ride-share service maintains its current insurance policies are adequate, offering \$5 million in commercial automobile coverage on the uberX platform, torstar news service file

Uber, Intact team up to insure drivers

Partnership aims to cover the sharing economy

One of Canada's largest auto insurance providers is teaming with Uber to create products tailored for the ride-hailing service, after concerns emerged that some insurance policies may not cover drivers using their personal vehicles for commercial gain.

Intact Financial Corp. said it is also working with insurance regulators and various levels of government in provinces where Über is available to ensure the

products that it develops are in line with regulatory require-

The insurer said it was too early to provide details about the products, which it plans to market under the Intact and Belairdirect brands.

'With the growing popularity of the sharing and on-demand economy, we are adapting our product range to offer innovative solutions to meet the changing needs of consumers," Louis Gagnon, president of service and distribution at Intact Financial Corp., said in a statement.

Questions began swirling around Uber's insurance policies after the Alberta government said in July that it had determined the policies do not

We are adapting our product range to offer innovative solutions.

Louis Gagnon, Intact

meet the requirements of the province's Insurance Act.

Uber Canada has argued that its insurance policies are adequate. A spokeswoman for the company said in July that every ride on the uberX platform is backed by \$5 million of commercial auto insurance, which covers both bodily injuries and property damage stemming from a crash.

'The bottom line is this: every

ride on Uber is insured," spokeswoman Susie Heath said in an email at the time.

However, the Insurance Bureau of Canada has recommended that drivers who work for Uber call their insurance providers to verify that their vehicles are insured for commercial use.

The industry group, which counts Intact as a member, noted that some policies only provide coverage for personal automobile use and insurers could reject a claim if the vehicle is used to generate income.

Intact Financial is Canada's largest provider of property and casualty insurance, collecting \$7.5 billion in premiums annually through its various subsidiaries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

turn for sharing it.

Investors not worried about market volatility: CIBC

So who is panicking amid the current volatility on global equity markets? Apparently not most Canadian retail investors, according to a new CIBC survey. CIBC says the survey, conducted Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, found 85 per cent of Canadian investors polled didn't panic during the dramatic ups and downs. The online poll was conducted among 1,504 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid panellists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Appeals board overturns Nexen licence

The Environmental Appeal Board has overturned a water licence granted to an oil and gas company in northeastern British Columbia, ruling the licence was based on bad science and bad faith.

The Fort Nelson First Nation has successfully challenged the long term water licence granted in 2012, which allowed Nexen Inc. to pump water from Tsea Lake, in a remote area about 100 kilometres northeast of Fort

Millions of cubic metres of water were being used by Nexen for shale gas fracking, but the Environmental Appeal Board says the pumping must stop immediately.

It says the science behind the licence is fundamentally flawed and it also ruled the province acted in bad faith when it did not properly consult with the Fort Nelson First Nation, breaching a constitutional duty to consider po100km

The long term licence granted to Nexen in 2012 allowed the company to pump water from Tsea Lake — only 100 kilometres northeast of Fort Nelson First Nation.

tential adverse effects of the water licence.

Chief Liz Logan says Nexen pumped water from the lake even during drought conditions, seriously affecting the lake, fish and surrounding environment.

She says the appeal board ruling sends a clear message to oil companies and the B.C. government that the liquefied natural gas industry will not proceed at the expense of the environment and treaty rights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



I just left home for the first time to go to school, and part of the deal is I have to pay for my own cellphone with a part-time job, which is fine — I'm happy to be independent but I've only been away four days and already my mom and my aunt have left like 10 voice messages and my cellphone plan is pay-as-you-go but I feel like I'm paying just to hear their messages and return their calls which I think is unfair but is it rude to have your phone message tell people not to leave long messages or not to

Ådele in Ottawa

they called?

leave a message at all cuz

obviously I can see that

Dear Adele, Wow, I don't know where to begin - with your predilection for unpunctuated, run-on sentences or your mother's predilection for helicopter parenting. And what's with the aunt? You don't sound like a person who needs this much supervision. You're attending post-secondary school and paying your own cellphone bills. Kudos! (That's not a misspelled endorsement, though I hear they're not bad). And you are obvious-

The helicopter parent will always tell you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't believe you should follow this advice toward them.

THE QUESTION

I've been away at school for four days. Already my mom and aunt have left me like 10 messages. My plan is pay-as-you-go. Is it rude to have your voice mail tell people not to leave long messages, or not to leave a message at all?



ly a polite and considerate person, if you are taking the time to inquire about the proper treatment of adults who are persecuting you with their overly controlling concerns though to be fair I suppose we have to credit mom and the aunt for instilling that politeness in you in the first place oh no now you've got me doing the runon sentence thing it's like a deadly spiral in whose grip I'm mindlessly mixing metaphors and losing all sense of punctuation must hit return key NOW-

OK. Adele. There is nothing rude about an outgoing message that asks callers to text rather than leave a voice mail. In fact, by tacitly reminding callers that you can glance at a text message in a nanosecond and

respond in another nanosecond without having to dial into your voice mail, wait for all the prompts and listen to someone laboriously state the obvious (i.e., they just called you and they want you to call them back), you'd be doing your contacts the courtesy of telling them how best to reach you. Of course, most people under the age of 40 will already know not to leave a voice-mail message, so clearly you'd be targeting certain female relatives, who I'm assuming are over the age of 40. But they likely won't realize the message is meant specifically for them, so it's OK

Having said that, I think we both know it won't work. Helicopter parents — and their loyal sidekicks, helicopter aunts — will always tell

@ Ani Castillo

you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't actually believe you should follow this advice toward *them*.

The important thing is they raised a good kid in you, and they can't help who they are. Helicoptering is more addictive than meth, and they're going through agonizing withdrawal right now. They can't think straight.

So be kind. Calm them down by calling them unbidden once in a while. Commit to a VoIP call at least once a week.

And try to use more punctuation.

Need advice? Email Ellen: scene@metronews.ca

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere

In May, Briony Smith wrote an article for Chatelaine about the loneliness of the single life.

When I read it, I thought: "I could have written that, or something like that, only a year ago." During a six-year stretch of singledom, I'd done my best to define myself in the world on my own terms, as a lone woman, only to continually face the fact that deeper happiness, on my terms, required love.

Even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

But now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere. It still wafts into the day like a cold draft, startling me

The man I'm going to marry lives in the U.S., and the comfort of his love doesn't mute the echo of a day spent alone. It doesn't sweep away the extra space that I feel all around me, in a busy park on a hot day, eating watermelon on a blanket, by myself.

I started to wonder if I'd

always felt alone — and yes, I have. As a child, as a teenager, off-kilter among friends, as if we were looking in the same direction and seeing different things.

Loneliness sat beside me before the fireplace in my family home and hung around the studio apartment I moved into, like faint dust in the air. It seemed present in every stone cranny of expansive London and grew bolder in Colombia, a three-month blip of learning, alienation and regret. It blossomed back in small Victoria when I had no job or prospect of one. It tagged along to Toronto and has come and gone like sun behind clouds.

I am beginning to believe I should be getting used to it. That even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

In recent years, both the Guardian and Globe and Mail have warned of a loneliness crisis. A New York-based writer is publishing a book on the emotion next year. But if loneliness is pervasive, that is not new. If this is the Lonesome Valley, it's been that way, probably, forever.

And isn't that the ultimate relief? As a woman said to me last week: you're never the only one. Even if you are walking by yourself.



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Sam Smith surfaces as singer of theme song for new James Bond film Spectre



DAYS OF SANDWICHES

Back to school? More like back to packed lunches! Have no fear, Ricardo magazine has done all the work so you don't have to. Here's a week's worth of inspiration for that perennial midday meal. Find a month's worth of sandwiches and detailed recipes at ricardocuisine.com/lunches. PHOTOS AND TEXT COURTESY RICARDO MAGAZINE





Crunchy vegetable and veggie pâté

This is the perfect choice when you're craving that freshveggie crunch. Thinly slice some English cucumber, radishes and celery. Combine and season. Spread mayo on two slices of country bread. On the bottom piece, layer slices of our Veggie Pâté (see ricardocuisine.com for the recipe). Pile on the vegetables, then close with the top slice.



Chicken and wild rice salad

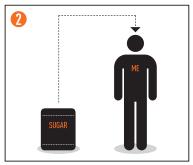
This recipe is all about texture. Cook some wild rice in salted water for about 50 minutes or until tender. Add chopped dried cranberries and cook for another 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine with cooked diced chicken, sour cream, mayo and chopped chives, then stuff into pita bread with some lettuce leaves.

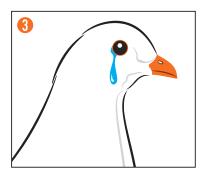




YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT WILL PLAY NEXT









Tacos, meet seaweed

Asian-fusion that packs a crunch

Can you handle just one more Asian-fusion taco?

You're rolling your eyes. But what if it's one that's easy enough and delicious enough to truly be worth making at home?

Truth is, most of the popular Tex-Mex-Asian blends have been produced in food trucks and brick-and-mortar joints that are far flung from most North Americans (because though Los Angeles and New York City hate to admit it, the vast majority of North America doesn't live in either city).

The result is that most folks only get to read about the deliciousness that is Asian flavours packaged in a Tex-Mex-friendly delivery system.

So the goal was to break down those flavours into something easily reproduced

And the end result: beefy seaweed taco with jalapenojicama slaw.

Let's start with the beefy. For a bold steaky flavour, go with flank.

But you may want as much Asian savoury goodness as possible, so rather than cook it whole, thinly slice it across the grain, then give it a bath in a blend of fish sauce, soy sauce and toasted sesame oil. It takes just a couple minutes in the pan to give the sear you want.

The steak gets piled on top of that ubiquitous green of lower rung sushi joints — seaweed salad.

You know you love it, even if it is dyed fluorescent green.

You'll find it at most Asian markets (and many natural foods grocers sell non-coloured versions).

On top of that goes a quick slaw made from crunchy jicama tossed with citrus juice and jalapenos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



You may want as much Asian savory goodness as possible.



Taco Tuesdays just got a little more awesome. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE TRY THIS AT HOME

Beef Seaweed Tacos With Jalapeno-Jicama Slaw

Start to finish: 30 minutes Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp fish sauce
- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 lb flank steak 1 cup jicama,
- cut into matchsticks • 1 jalapeno, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Eight 6-inch corn tortillas
- 1/2 Tbsp cornstarch • 1 cup seaweed salad
- 1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco or blanco cheese

Directions

Heat the oven to 200 F. In a large bowl, whisk together the fish sauce, soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of the sesame oil and the sugar. Slice the steak across the grain into very thin strips, then add to the fish sauce mixture. Toss to coat evenly, then set aside for 10 minutes.

In a medium bowl, toss

together the jicama and jalapenos, then add the orange and lime juices. Toss again to coat. Taste, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Stack the tortillas and wrap them in foil. Set the packet in the oven to warm.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of sesame oil. Use tongs to remove the meat from the marinade, letting as much liquid as possible drip off back into the bowl and reserving the marinade. Transfer the steak strips to paper towels and lightly pat dry. Add the dried steak strips to the skillet and cook only until just barely seared, about 1 minute.

Whisk the cornstarch into the reserved marinade, then add the mixture to the skillet and cook for another minute.

Remove the warmed tortillas from the oven. Spread a spoonful of the seaweed salad, then top with strips of steak. Top with jicamajalapeno slaw, then finish with sprinkle of the cheese.

Serve immediately.

Garlic festival reveals tart bulb's unexpected sweet side

Lovers of the "stinking rose" will have plenty of opportunities to sample its pungent delights during festivals devoted to garlic.

Visitors may be surprised to learn there are dozens of strains of garlic and that the cloves can be used in both savoury and sweet dishes.

Twenty chefs will be on hand at the fifth Toronto Garlic Festival on Sept. 20 to concoct such dishes as savoury garlic ribs and roasted corn with garlic butter.

"We also have some more things that will challenge the palate," says festival founder Peter McClusky.

"For example, we do garlic and dessert items. People are always surprised by this and raise an eyebrow. They're always happily surprised when they taste it."

A chocolatier is creating a dark chocolate truffle with black garlic.

"Black garlic is fermented garlic. It has kind of a tarry texture.

"It's got a flavour like licorice or coffee, chocolate, very dark deep flavour," says McClusky, who grows eight



Garlic-infused festival treats include butter tarts, chocolate ice cream and macarons. GEORGES GOBET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

strains of garlic on a farm east of Guelph, Ont.

Caramelization occurs when garlic is roasted, releasing its sweeter, more mellow

Other sweets include macarons with roasted garlic, toasted homemade marshmallows with black garlic, roasted garlic chocolate ice cream which always sells out, McClusky notes — and black garlic butter tarts.

Other celebrations of garlic include the Verona, Ont., festival (Sept. 13), the Hills Garlic Festival in New Denver, B.C. (Sept. 13), the Stratford Kiwanis Garlic Festival, (Sept. 12-13), and Andrew, Alta.'s, annual festival on Thanksgiving weekend.

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Rate your pungent breath

Once you've indulged in garlicky food, enter the garlic breath contest at the Toronto festival. The Ontario Science Centre will rate the breath of contestants using a gas chromatograph.

LIQUID ASSETS

It's OK to drink white wine after Labour Day

Peter Rockwell For Metro Canada

With summer drawing to a close, many of you are probably packing away your white pants and, unfortunately, slowing down your white wine intake.

I'm not sure who came up with the old wives' tale that white wine consumption is exclusively a warm weather thing.

Though some reds can come across bland at best and flabby at worst when sipped in the heat, the refreshing flavours of whites are a joy no matter what the weather outside. White blends (those made from a multitude of grape varieties) have been on trend of late thanks to their layers of complexity that keep on giving to the

California's Conundrum (\$22.79-\$26.79) is the granddaddy of New World white blends. First released in 1989, it's a secret combination of at least five grapes.

The 2013 vintage is a feast of floral aromas and ripe, orchard fruit that drinks as easily with summer salads and seafood as it will with Christmas

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Williams returns to Miss America

PAGEANTS

It's been 30 years since she returned her crown

Three decades after she gave up the crown amid a nude photo scandal, Vanessa Williams is returning to the Miss America pageant.

The Miss America Organization, Dick Clark Productions and the ABC television network announced Tuesday they are bringing back the award-winning actress and singer to serve as head judge for the 2016 competition. It begins Tuesday and culminates in the crowning of the next Miss America on Sunday.

Sam Haskell, executive chairman and CEO of the Miss America Organization, said his friendship with Williams pre-dated the turmoil caused by the release of nude photos od WIlliams.

"I have been friends with Vanessa for 32 years," he said. "When the photos were published, there were people urging her to fight, but close supporters knew if she lost that fight that she would be completely removed from the history books. Instead of pursuing what would surely have been a long and stressful legal battle, Vanessa decided to resign and focus on her career. Vanessa and her family were hurt during the aftermath of the resignation, and that saddened me."

Haskell has been trying for a decade to bring Williams back to the Miss America stage, but this was the first year the logistics could be arranged.

Vanessa's career speaks for itself, with all the success that she has had," Haskell said. "Her return as a huge



Vanessa Williams has sold more than seven million records. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Her return as a huge success is a way for us all to move forward and put the past behind us. It's truly an honour to welcome her back."

Sam Haskell, chairman of the Miss America Organization

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Since her 1988 debut album, The Right Stuff, Williams has sold more than 7 million records worldwide and has scored No. 1 and Top 10 hits on various Billboard album and singles charts, including pop, dance, R&B, adult contemporary, holiday, Latin, Gospel and jazz.

Her work has been honoured by 4 Emmy nominations; 17 Grammy nominations (of which 11 were for her individually); a Tony nomination, 3 Screen Actors Guild award nominations; 7 NAACP Image Awards; and a Golden Globe, Grammy and an Oscar

STEPPING DOWN



The controversy

- · Williams won the Miss America title in 1984 but resigned after Penthouse magazine published sexually explicit photographs of her taken several years earlier. She went on to have a successful career in film, television, music and Broadway.
- · "When I became chairman of Miss America, one of the first calls I made was to Vanessa, to try to find a way to get her to come back," said Sam Haskell.

for Best Original Song for her platinum single Colors of the Wind, from the Disney film Pocahontas.

She also starred on the TV shows Ugly Betty and Desperate Housewives.

Williams co-starred with Cicely Tyson and Cuba Gooding Jr. in Broadway's The Trip To Bountiful in 2013. She returned to the Great White Way the next year in the musical After Midnight.

She joins pageant hosts Chris Harrison and Brooke Burke-Charvet, music curator Nick Jonas and celebrity judges Brett El-dredge, Taya Kyle, Danica McKellar, Kevin O'Leary, Amy Purdy and Zendaya.

Clinton pumped over Kanye for prez

of Kanye West running for president in 2020 is silly and far off and not a serious topic of conversation, so must we humor such an idea now? On the other hand,

it's a welcome distraction from the current Donald Trump-soaked 2016 presidential race, so maybe Yeezy is doing us a solid. And as it turns out, Chelsea Clinton thinks he may be helping in

On the one hand, the topic other ways by raising the idea. 'I definitely think who runs for office is really important," Clinton tells MTV News. "Even if him just saying that helps sparks a little boy or a little girl who was watching the

VMAs to think, 'Oh wow, maybe I should do that,' t h a t 's awesome." NED EHRBAR/ FOR METRO

her agree-

Franklin doc pulled from TIFF

A contentious Aretha Franklin documentary has been pulled from the lineup at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Festival organizers say they are disappointed that producers decided to withdraw



ment. Pollack died of cancer

A screening at the Chicago Film Festival in October has also been cancelled. Three screenings were

planned for the Toronto film festival, which begins Thursday. "We are extremely disappointed that Toronto audiences will not be able to see this extraordin-

ary piece of art," says the statement, issued Tuesday.

"The footage in the film is truly a cinematic treasure of 20th-century music and we hope global audiences will have opportunity to experience this film once a resolution is found." THE CAN-ADIAN PRESS

EFRON'S ANNIVERSARY, COOPER TAKES THE NEXT STEP

Zac Efron getting schmoopy on Instagram

Stars, they're just like us: being corny about relationships on social media.

Zac Efron and girlfriend Sami Miro celebrated their one-year anniversary together over the weekend, and how is it we happen to know that? Because they both took to

Instagram to commemorate the event and gush about each other with gaginducing cuteness. While both of their photos . featured exclamations

of love, Miro went one better by also including an emoji of a boy and a girl holding hands. NED EHRBAR/ FOR METRO

Bradley Cooper's GF introduced to

be going swimmingly between Bradley Cooper and Irina Shayk, who got to spend a bikini-clad beach visit over Labour Day weekend with Cooper's mother, Gloria Campano, according to Us Weekly. NED EHRBAR/



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More ways to get in the new Mini



THE CHECKLIST | 2015 MINI COOPERS 5 DOOR

THE BASICS

Type. Compact, 5-door, FWD hatchback **Power.** 189-hp, turbocharged, 2.0-litre I4 **Transmissions.** 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic **Price.** Base \$26,740 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Folding rear seat expands cargo capacity to 941 litres
 Collision warning and
- active safety system with (initial) automatic braking
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 Available apps for syncing
 Apple and Android smartphones
- Optional Dynamic Damper Control with "comfort" and "dynamic" settings



POINTS

- 3-door and 5-door the first Mini variants built off the thirdgeneration platform introduced for 2015
- Reduced weight and increased body rigidity to further Mini's legacy of go-cart-like agility

 5-door's wheelbase expanded
- by 72 mm and body lengthened by 161 mm, compared to 3-door

MARKET POSITION

Premium small car prioritized for driving fun
 S model features
 4-cylinder 2.0-litre;
 base Mini powered by
 3-cylinder 1.5-litre
 New 5-door model offers more space and access, but doesn't mess with iconic Mini

THE COMPETITION



Fiat 500L Base price: \$20,495



Ford Fiesta ST Base price: \$24,949



VW Golf GTI 5 Door Base price: \$32,895

REVIEW

BMW adds 5-door model but not much more room

Mike Goetz For Metro Canada



The re-invention of the Mini by BMW has been an overwhelming success. People just love its quirkiness, distinctiveness and Britishness. And all that in a vehicle that just plain works. Fun to drive. Practical for its size. Fuel-efficient. Et cetera.

This third generation of BMW's tiny terror leverages even more BMW technology than the first two gens (it will share its platform and drivetrain with the upcoming BMW 1 Series), and the result is a more competent and refined Mini, with some added room inside.

Our test vehicle was the new 5-door Mini, which, debuted with the new-generation platform, gives you even a bit more room. But the rear doors are tiny, and the rear seating area still feels a bit Hobbit-like, so this Mini has not exactly morphed into a daily people hauler. But its ability to carry more stuff, and to get stuff in with more ease, is duly noted and appreciated.

The Mini has always been more about rewarding the driver anyway, and the theme continues with this 2015 model, with its lighter, stronger and stiffer chassis, and new suspen-

sion tricks, like the standard and adjustable drive modes, and the optional adjustable dampers. Even without this new tech, the Mini would still be great to drive — its lowness to the ground, and its low centre of gravity, always contribute to a fast and fun feel at the wheel. Almost 200 hp and a slick-shifting 6-speed manual doesn't hurt either.

A big round speedometer famously dominated the original Mini's instrument panel and "roundness" is still the interior theme of this modern Mini. Everything looks and feels less gimmicky inside compared to the previous Mini, but it still manages to be distinctly different and distinctly Mini. A version of the BMW's iDrive controller resides in the centre console to navigate the infotainment and comfort settings. Our tester had the new eight-inch touch screen, which is bundled with the package that gives you navigation, and allows you to enter characters directly on the

This is a lovable car, but there is no getting around the fact that Mini is expensive for a smallish car. I guess another way of looking at it would be that Mini allows you to go small without giving up brand cache, personality, performance, and all the amenities of a premium vehicle.

Lots of great alternatives in this price and performance class, if moving up in size is not an issue and/or if a "real" backseat is more of a priority. The VW GTI would be one for sure to look at if you're leaning that way. Otherwise, there is not much not to like about this new Mini.

DRIVING FORCI

Seal, structure, tread: There's a lot riding on those four tires

Jil McIntosh For Metro Canada



At first glance, tires look pretty simple: They're just round and black. But they're actually very complex, consisting of numerous layers and specially-formulated rubber compounds.

"The purpose of the tire is to provide the braking, accelerating and cornering capabilities to make the vehicle go where the driver wants," says Ron Margadonna, senior technical marketing manager for Michelin North America. "It's the only component of the vehicle that touches the ground."

Tire manufacturers have to look at three basic elements when designing a tire. The first is the seal so that it holds air, which includes an inner liner made of composite rubber. The only thing holding the tire onto the rim is air pressure, so it's imperative that the tire seals properly.

Next is the structure, including the sidewall, which gives the tire its strength. Finally

there's the tread, which has to grip the pavement.

to grip the pavement. The compound used to make the tread is composed of such materials as natural and synthetic rubber, oil, silica and carbon black, which gives it its colour. Rubber chemists create different formulas, depending on how the tire will be used. Summer tires need a firmer compound that won't get too soft in hot weather, while winter tires need to stay supple in cold temperatures. All-season tires use a compound that's approximately halfway between

the two.

The tread's design is a vital part of the tire, and engineers have to ensure that it's the right pattern for the job. "The grooves are for foul weather such as rain or snow, everything but dry," Margadonna says. "The grooves channel the water away. If it was always dry, you wouldn't need them."

The pattern cre-

20%

Keeping your tires properly inflated can help save gas. A vehicle uses about 20 per cent of its fuel energy just to overcome the rolling resistance of its tires.

ates blocks of tread, which determine how the tire will perform. Winter tires will typically have numerous small blocks, which create more sharp edges to bite through snow, while high-performance tires will have large, strong blocks to stay rigid during hard cornering.

The edge of the tread is called the shoulder, while the

small slits running through the tread are called sipes. These spread open as the tire touches the road, providing even more gripping surface.

The tread eventually wears down with use, and so tire manufacturers mould in small rubber bars, called wear bars, which run across the width of the tire's tread. They're deeply buried on a new tire, but they become easier to spot as the tire wears down. If the tread has worn enough that you can quickly spot the wear bars, then it's time to replace the tire.

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DRIVE

The vegan car shopper dilemma

INDUSTRY TRENDS

It's not always easy to steer clear of leather

Tesla Motors shareholders Mark Peters and Elizabeth Farrell Peters had a simple request for the electric-car maker at its annual meeting in June: Stop offering leather interiors and make Tesla the first "crueltyfree" premium brand.

Shareholders rejected the proposal after Tesla's board said it would delay production of its electric cars. But Tesla CEO Elon Musk seemed intrigued.

"We'll look into it," he said. Last month, the Peterses took delivery of a leather-free Tesla Model S, the second one in their Hurst, Texas, garage.

For car buyers like the Peterses — who have been vegans for more than two decades — leather-free choices are limited. The car-buying site Edmunds. com says 78 per cent of 2015 model-year vehicles have standard leather seats on at least one trim level. In other words, buyers content with basic models can get cloth seats and plastic steer-

ing wheels, but as they add options like better engines, heated seats or upgraded speakers, they usually have to add leather seats.

Edmunds says 79 vehicles in the 2015 model year don't require buyers to get leather at any trim level. Those include the Toyota Prius hybrid, the BMW 3 Series and the Volkswagen Jetta. But even some models with cloth or faux-leather seats — like the plug-in hybrid Chevrolet Volt — still have leather-wrapped steering wheels.

That's not likely to change any time soon. Most customers worldwide equate leather with quality, richness and comfort, says Mel Stephens, a spokesman for automotive seat-maker Lear Corp.

"Vinyl is good, but leather is better," he said. "People like natural materials."

Luxury automakers, including Audi and Cadillac, say requests for non-leather interiors are rare. Even when they get them, high-volume automakers can't necessarily stop the assembly line and make a personalized car. Ford won't replace leather seats at the factory, for example, but says dealers can install different seats if a customer requests them.



Mark Peters drives his leather-free Tesla Model S, including a hand-built, non-leather steering wheel, in Hurst, Texas. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Peters of DLP Advisors, a leather-industry consulting firm, forecasts continued growth in automotive leather over the next decade as luxury car sales increase worldwide, particularly in China. Automakers used around two billion square feet of leather in 2014, or around 45

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A vehicle interior usually requires two or three hides; some high-end luxury vehicles, like the Rolls-Royce Phantom, use as many as nine. million cow hides; that was 17 per cent of the global supply of hides. By 2025, that could grow to 25 per cent, Peters said.

Environmentalists and animal rights groups say leather tanneries pollute land and water with chemicals like chromium, which the U.S. government classifies as a carcinogen. Raising, processing and transporting livestock also accounts for an estimated 14.5 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions, according to a 2013 report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Mark Peters was driving a BMW 3 Series with faux-leather seats when he decided to look at a Tesla Model S because he wanted an electric car. Tesla offers cloth seats on case models, but he was annoyed by the standard leather-wrapped steering wheel and the fact that he couldn't get options like heated seats without upgrading to leather. He contacted Tesla in 2012; after a little haggling, the company promised him the non-leather options he wanted at no extra cost, including a hand-built, non-leather steering wheel. He got the car in June 2013.

A year later, the couple decided to order another Tesla, but the premium package they wanted, with perks like trunk lights and a power lift gate, required them to get a leather-wrapped dashboard. This time, Tesla wouldn't budge, so they got a stripped-down, leather-free version, but weren't happy and traded it in. It wasn't until after Tesla's annual meeting in June that the company relented and let them purchase a premium, leather-free Model S.

The Peterses remain hopeful that Tesla will switch to completely leather-free interiors, a move that could have ripple effects across the industry.

"When we buy something, we vote with our dollars," Mark Peters said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Cabbies look to minivan in Uber battle

New York taxis get makeover in face of stiff competition

As New York taxi drivers face surging competition from smartphone cab services, the traditional taxi force in the city that never sleeps is preparing to push back against the likes of Uber.

Spearheading that effort are a spacious minivan — being phased in as the city's taxi firms renew their fleets - and a long-awaited phone app.

A far cry from the checkered cab immortalized as part of New York's hectic image, the Nissan NV200 boasts cushy seats, adjustable airconditioning in the back, phone and laptop plugs and a panoramic glass roof.

Mr. Chan, a 58-year-old city driver who declined to give his first name, described the minivan as more comfortable than the well-known Crown Victoria, although he has had little customer feedback so

New York authorities picked the Nissan to replace the city's aging taxi fleet, as part of a deliberate strategy to fight back against online ride-booking services.

The extra space the cars

provide is hoped to give taxis an advantage over Uber's less standardized vehicles.

About 800 of the minivans already ply the streets of New York, according to Nissan, which touts them as a safer alternative to traditional cabs.

With a replacement rate of about 2,600 vehicles a year, according to Nissan, the bulk of New York's entire fleet of some 13,000 taxis is set to adopt the yellow minivan taxis over the next five years.

An app to match

A big part of Uber's lure is that it allows people to summon rides and pay using smartphone applications, with no need for cash on hand or tips. So the second other prong of the yellow taxis' push-back against Uber is an app of their own.

TWICE AS MANY

The city of New York capitulated in July in a long-running feud with Uber, agreeing to shelve plans to cap the number of vehicles operated by the online ride-booking

Uber said at the time it had 26,000 Uber driverpartners in New York, far surpassing the city's 13,587 iconic yellow taxis.

Business has slowed down a bit... I used to go to the airport three or four times a week. Now it's more like once every two weeks.

Mr. Chan, one of many taxi drivers worried for the stability of their industry

AROUND THE WORLD

China takes lead in electric-vehicle production

China officially calls them "new energy vehicles," and their production in that country has surpassed that of both Japan and the United States, according to Green Car Reports.

Plug-in electric cars are urgently needed in China where big-city days are filled with so much smog that the sun is but a faint orange dot in the sky. News site Gasgoo, citing figures from the Ministry of Industry published in the Beijing Daily, reports that 25,000 electric, or "new energy," vehicles were built in June alone, almost a third of the 78,000 built there in the first six months of the year.

Not all those vehicles would meet automobile

standards here, being classified instead as low-speed or neighbourhood electric vehicles, nor do they serve to remove any of the vehicles currently causing pollution.

From zero to 100 in 1.779 seconds in Germany

German students at the University of Stuttgart have turned heads in the race to reach 100 km/h from zero, in an all-wheel-drive electric car of their making: 1.779 seconds.

That's quicker than a Formula One racecar, which takes just over two seconds, and a full second quicker than a Nissan GT-R, which is one of the quickest gasoline-powered cars on the market to 100 km/h. WHEELBASE MEDIA

Called Arro, the New York taxi app launched Wednesday also allows users to call a cab using their smartphones' geolocation with the push of a button. Like Uber's app it provides information on where nearby taxis are, and how long it will take them to arrive.

The app has been launched in some 7,000 taxis already and its backers are pushing for it to spread quickly. AFP



The Nissan NV200 Mobility Taxi is unveiled in New York. STAN HONDA/AFP



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Veleno unconcerned by comparison to the stars

Centre is first 15-year-old to get exemption to join QMJHL

While comparisons between Joseph Veleno and Connor Mc-David will be inevitable, Veleno is determined to be his own man as he embarks on his first season in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Like McDavid, who's a rookie with the Edmonton Oilers this season, and New York Islanders star John Tavares, Veleno was granted exceptional status to enter major junior hockey as a 15-year-old. The six-foot-one, 177-pound forward became just the fifth player in the Canadian Hockey League to receive the exemption and the first in the

"(My focus) is just play like myself and don't be compared to Connor McDavid or John Tavares, just be compared to myself," Veleno said.

Selecting the Kirkland, Que., native was a no-brainer for Saint John Sea Dogs. Danny Flynn, the team's new coach, said Veleno is remarkably mature for his age.

"His demeanour reminds me in many ways of when I was with the Moncton Wildcats, we had the first overall pick when we took Brandon Gormley,



The Saint John Sea Dogs drafted Joseph Veleno first overall in the 2015 QMJHL Entry Draft. VINCENT ETHIER/LHJMQ MEDIA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flynn said.

Gormley, who went on to be selected by the Arizona Coyotes in the first round of the 2010 NHL draft, "came in with that kind of quiet, confident, unassuming, go-about-his-job type of personality and Joe has been pretty much the same."

Veleno, a centre who turned

15 on Jan. 13, finished 12th in Quebec midget triple-A scoring last season with 52 points in 41 games for the Lac-St-Louis Lions. He also played for Quebec at the 2015 Canada Games.

He joins a Sea Dogs team that finished third in the Maritimes Division last season, but was eliminated in the first round of

the playoffs by the Baie-Comeau Drakkar. Flynn sees plenty of potential in his young squad, which returns 17 players from last year's team, including seven NHL draft picks.

Thomas Chabot, drafted 18th overall by the Ottawa Senators in June, will lead the team on the blue line. Chabot attended

Because he's been humble and unassuming, he's been accepted very well by the guys on the team.

Sea Dogs coach Danny Flynn

Canada's world junior summer development camp and had two assists in two games against the Czech Republic.

The Rimouski Oceanic are the defending league champions and represented the QMJHL in the MasterCard Memorial Cup last spring along with the host Quebec Remparts. The Oceanic open their season Thursday against the Shawinigan Cataractes.

The Sea Dogs open their season Saturday against the Halifax Mooseheads before facing the Wildcats on Sunday afternoon.

Flynn sees promise in Veleno but also points out that he won't become a McDavid or Tavares overnight.

"He loves the game, he's extremely committed to the game and has great skill and hockey sense," Flynn said. "When you factor those things in and factor in that he's only 15 years of age he's certainly got the potential to be a real good player in this league and beyond." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Stroman to make first start following injury vs. Yanks

Blue Jays right-hander Marcus Stroman is set to make his accelerated return from knee surgery on Saturday against the New York Yan-

Stroman will take the place of veteran Mark Buehrle in Toronto's rotation. Sportsnet reported that Buehrle returned to Toronto for a cortisone shot in his left shoulder but was on track to pitch Tuesday in

Stroman underwent anterior cruciate ligament surgery in March after being injured fielding a ground ball during a bunting drill in spring training. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kane's grand jury hearing postponed: Report

The Erie County District Attorney has postponed grand jury proceedings into a sexual assault allegation against Chicago Blackhawks star forward Patrick Kane, a person familiar with the investigation who spoke only on condition of anonymity confirmed to The Associated Press.

Evidence was scheduled to be presented to jurors on Tuesday but the hearings were postponed for about two weeks, the person said.

Kane is reportedly accused of sexually assaulting a woman in her 20s at the player's off-season home overlooking Lake Erie outside of Buffalo. He has not been charged.

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Vinci breaks code into major semifinal



CILIC SURVIVES FIVE-SET THRILLER Defending champion Marin Cilic stretched his Flushing Meadows winning streak to 12 matches and returned to the semifinals by holding on to beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4 on Tuesday in New York, DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roberta Vinci has reached her first Grand Slam semifinal at

Facing an opponent a decade younger, the Italian outlasted Kristina Mladenovic 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 on Tuesday afternoon. Her ranking down to 43rd, Vinci never expected this.

This is her 44th Grand Slam tournament. Only Elena Likhovtseva had played in more (46) before making her semifinal debut at the 2005 French Open.

Vinci recognizes she's had a favourable draw — she has yet to meet a seeded opponent. Two

The number of deuces Vinci and Mladenovic played during a 15-minute game while tied 3-3 in the final set.

top-10 players she could have faced — Ana Ivanovic and Carla Suarez Navarro — were upset; another, Maria Sharapova, pulled out because of injury.

In the fourth round Sunday,

Vinci was scheduled to take on 25th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard, but the Canadian withdrew after sustaining a concussion when she slipped and fell in the locker room two days earlier.

"Maybe this was my tournament," Vinci said.

That left her plenty rested for Tuesday's match on a steamy afternoon. Mladenovic, in contrast, didn't wrap up her fourthround win until 1 a.m. Monday, and then she played doubles later that day. She struggled with cramping Tuesday.

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Roberta Vinci GETTY IMAGES

Rooney now England's top scorer

EURO 2016 QUALIFIERS

United striker breaks 45-year record in win over Swiss

Wayne Rooney broke England's scoring record as the hosts maintained their perfect record in European Championship qualifying with a 2-0 win over Switzerland on Tuesday that secured top spot in Group E.

Rooney slammed in a penalty in the 84th minute for his 50th international goal, eclipsing fellow United player Bobby Charlton's 45-year-old England record.

England had already qualified for next year's tournament in France and lacked intensity for most of the game. But substitute Harry Kane opened the scoring in the 67th minute after a cross from Luke Shaw and Raheem



Rooney converts an 84th minute penalty to break the 49-goal standard. MIKE HEWITT/GETTY IMAGES

Sterling was then tripped in the area to set up the spot kick for Rooney.

"To be the country's all-time leading goal-scorer before the age of 30 is not something I could ever have dreamed of," the 29-year-old Rooney said.

^{*}I was a bit emotional out there and it's something to be extremely proud of. I'm happy it's done and hopefully I can kick on from here and concentrate on the team and our success in the future."

Switzerland stayed second in the group with Slovenia climbing to third by beating Estonia 1-0. In Slovenia, Robert Beric boosted the hosts' hopes of reaching the Euro 2016 by

To be the country's all-time leading goal-scorer before the age of 30 is not something I could ever have dreamed of.

England striker Wayne Rooney

scoring the winner in the 63rd minute. Lithuania needed an injury-time winner to beat San Marino 2-1 in a game both teams finished with 10 men.

Switzerland could have qualified with a win if Slovenia-Estonia had been a draw, but all three teams remain in the hunt for the second automatic qualifying spot. Switzerland has 15 points with Slovenia on 12 and Estonia on 10 with two rounds of games remaining. The third-

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place team enters a playoff.

With England having secured a berth in France with a 6-0 win at San Marino on Saturday, the focus at Wembley was mainly on Rooney's quest to break Charlton's record.

When Sterling was brought down in the area, shouts of "Rooney" went up around Wembley as soon as referee Gianluca Rocchi pointed to the spot. And the England captain made no mistake, hitting an unstoppable shot that Sommer got a hand to but couldn't keep out.

Charlton, who also played for United, scored his 49 goals for England in 106 games. Rooney needed 107 matches to get to 50.

"I obviously cannot deny that I am disappointed that I now don't hold this record," Charlton said in a statement. "However, I am absolutely delighted that it is Wayne, as captain of my beloved club and country, who now holds this record." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Tilapia with olives, cherry tomatoes and basil



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Tilapia has a delicate flavour and is budget-friendly. I always like to have a stronger flavoured sauce or topping to match this mild fish. If cherry tomatoes are unavailable, use seeded and chopped plum tomatoes. Serves 4.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 large egg
- 2 Tbsp milk or water
- 11/2 lb tilapia fillets (4)
- 2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs, store-bought
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 11/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp diced black olives
- 2 Tbsp diced green olives
- 2 Tbsp chopped basil · 2 Tbsp chopped parsley

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp crushed garlic

Directions

- 1. Combine the egg and milk and place in a shallow dish. Dip each fillet in the egg and milk mixture then in the bread crumbs. In a nonstick skillet sprayed with vegetable spray, heat the oil and cook the tilapia for five minutes, turning halfway or just until the fish flakes.
- 2. Combine the tomatoes, olives, basil, parsley, olive oil, soy sauce and garlic and serve overtop the tilapia.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 327
- Protein 38 g
- · Carbohydrates 17 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.6 g
- · Cholesterol 206 mg
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• Sodium 574 mg

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 There is no point trying to force others to see things your way because that will make them even more determined to take an opposing viewpoint. All you can do is present them with the facts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Why are you feeling so guilty about all the fun you've been having? Most likely it is because of those tales of woe you keep hearing from people who have not had it so good. Yes, life is unfair. Too bad.

I Gemini May 22 - June 21 Social occasions and travel plans are especially well starred, so don't sit there doing nothing, get out and enjoy yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Just because someone has a different outlook to you does not mean you cannot work together or even be friends. Say what you have to say, then open your ears to what they have to tell you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 There is no right way or wrong way to do what needs to be done, there is only the way that works, so if you are happy with the way things are going then carry on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You will find yourself in a minority of one today and those who oppose you will be in positions of power. Do you back down? No you do not. Be intellectually aggressive. **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Something you said a long time ago will return to either help or hinder you today. If nothing else it will remind you that causes have consequences. Remember that the next time you open your mouth

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You are rather restless at the moment, especially on the mental level. But that's good. The more you allow your mind to wander the more ideas and insights you will come up with.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 You will have to spell things out in the simplest of terms for other people today. It would be nice if everyone were as quick on the uptake as you but they are not.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart makes this an important time for negotiations. Try to strike a balance between cooperation and forcefulness - you'll get things done and get more money in the bank.

63. Sing, Alps-style

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You may be tempted to speak harshly about someone today, but the planets suggest you will hurt them more if you ignore them. Living well is the best revenge.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Defend your beliefs with every weapon at your disposal. When others challenge your opinion, hit back twice as hard. Give them no quarter. Show them no mercy

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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